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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/FR99/01756 ✓

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: July 19, 1999 ✓

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: July 28, 1999 ✓ 1998

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known):

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and
other information:

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
2. ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)) at any time rather
than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) and PCT
Articles 22 and 39(I).
4. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)), including:
a title page; 5 page(s) of specification; 1 page(s) of claims 1-7; 1 page(s) of abstract.
5. ☐ Drawings
☐ Formal Figure(s) on sheet(s).
6. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2))
☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).

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7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3))
- ☒ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- ☐ A copy of the Demand for International Preliminary Examination is enclosed.
10. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)):
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11. ☒ Applicant hereby claims priority to:
- ☒ International Application No.: PCT/FR99/01756 filed July 19, 1999.
 - ☒ France application No.: 98/09607 filed July 28, 1998.
12. ☐ A translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).
13. ☒ The entire disclosure of the International Application referred to above is considered to be part of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
14. ☒ Assignment Papers.
- ☒ An assignment document is enclosed for recording.
 - ☒ A Recordation Form Cover Sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment.
16. ☐ A substitute specification for pages
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26. ☐ Copy of International Request.
27. ☒ Copy of International Preliminary Examination Report.
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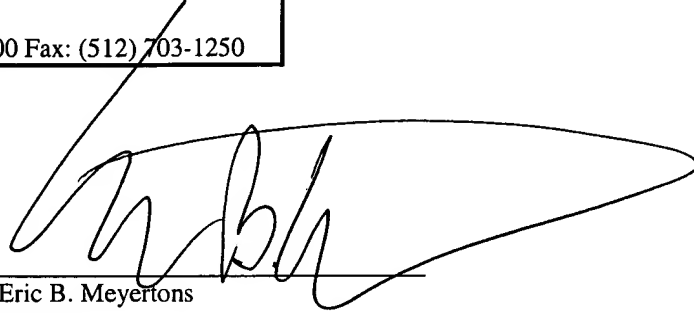
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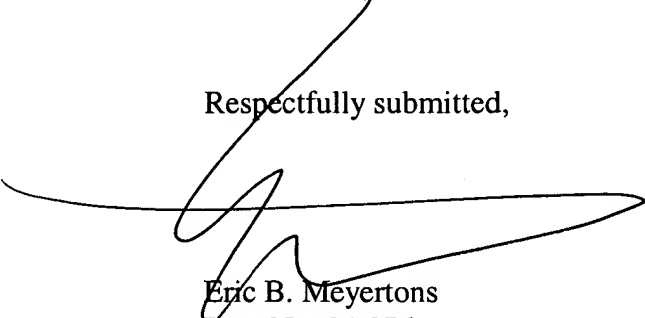
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